

**MASSIVELY COMPUTATIONAL PARALLIZABLE
OPTIMIZATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD**

ABSTRACT

A distributed processing system, program product and method of executing a computer program distributed across a plurality of computers. First, interested participants register and provide a commitment for available excess computer capacity. Participants may enter a number of available hours and machine characteristics. A normalized capacity may be derived from the machine characteristics and a normalized excess capacity may be derived from the number of hours committed for the participant. New registrants may be assigned benchmark tasks to indicate likely performance. Parties may purchase capacity for executing large computer programs and searches. The computer program is partitioned into multiple independent tasks of approximately equal size and the tasks are distributed to participants according to available excess capacity. A determination is made whether each distributed task will execute within a selected range of other distributed tasks and, if not, tasks may be reassigned. The likelihood that a task will complete may be based on the participant's past performance. As each task is completed, the completing participant is checked to determine if the task is on schedule. Any task assigned to computers that are found to be behind schedule may be reassigned to other participants. A check is made to determine whether each task is assigned to at least one participant and several tasks may be assigned to multiple participants. Once all tasks are complete, the best result is selected for each task. Each participant may be compensated for normalized excess capacity and that compensation and charges to requesting parties may be based on total available normalized capacity.

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